

## Early Learning and Childcare Facility Inspection Report

Type of Inspection:  
Monitoring Inspection

Pursuant to section 21 of the *Early Childhood Services Act*, operators of licensed early learning and childcare facilities must post their most recent inspection report in a clearly visible and prominent place in the facility.

Name of operator 687526 NB	Licence Number 2019639	Inspection Date October 23, 2023
Facility Name Mel's Toddler Town		Telephone Number (506) 609-4070
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Name of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff Lisa Green		Position Title Quality Assurance Monitor

Order for Compliance	Regulation	Date to be corrected	Date corrected
28(3) The premises of a licensed facility shall comply with (a) lighting, ventilation and other general health standards under the Public Health Act.	28(3)(a)	May 12, 2022	Feb 10, 2023
Comments: Deficiency is now compliant			
31(3) An operator shall maintain the outdoor play area of a licensed facility to ensure the safety of the children.	31(3)	Jul 04, 2023	
Comments: Trash and debris observed in the outdoor play area to be cleaned. Recommendation to have a garbage can with a tight-fitting lid that is emptied daily in the outdoor play area especially if during nice weather children will bring snacks and lunch outdoors. Slide lock and chain on mud kitchen rusted. To be removed. Cribbing encroaching on stationary equipment to be removed to ensure children's safety when using the play structure.			
31(4) An operator shall ensure that the outdoor play area of a licensed facility (b) consists of more than one surface to permit different types of play.	31(4)(b)	May 20, 2022	Feb 10, 2023
Comments: Deficiency is now compliant			

<p><b>General Comments</b></p> <p>Monitoring inspection completed today.</p> <p>Children were observed in play alongside their educators. Children were observed to have free choice of materials and equipment available to them and engaged in solitary and collaborative play throughout both environments. Educators engaged with children at their level, asking open-ended questions and listening attentively as children spoke.</p> <p>Documentation of children's learning posted at their level in the indoor play environments. As discussed during inspection, for long-term projects ensure documentation reflects the flow and learning of the project over time to ensure that it is current.</p> <p>In the outdoor play environment, children have planted a flower garden and maintain and water it daily.</p>
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General Comments

A variety of toys and natural materials are available for the children in the fenced outdoor play area. They have also been taking advantage of the wooded area close to the centre for nature play. As discussed with Administrator at time of inspection, children should be encouraged to value and care for the outdoor play area in the same way they do the indoor play area. Ensuring outdoor props and materials are displayed, organized and labelled supports maintenance and care of materials.

For play structure in the outdoor play area, ensure that encroachment and surfacing meet manufacturers requirements. You should also check with your insurance company to ensure it is covered if there is an incident.

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Lisa Green

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Signature of Early Learning and Childcare Licensing Staff

June 29, 2023

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Date

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Melanie Fouchere

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Signature of Operator/Designate

June 29, 2023

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Date